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Dear Sir,

I am presently a member of our local school board - but also a former school teacher of 39 yrs.

I am greatly concerned about the blatant & bold portrayal of sex, sexual innuendos, & swearing on our TV programs. Why does Hollywood have such freedom to directly influence our society

I know we have an "ON-OFF" switch, but most homes do not have parental control due to work schedules.

As a former educator &

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parent. It is obvious the experience
TV has on kids. at school kids
"act out" what is portrayed as
spoof on TV. - ie Beavis & Butt-head

Please, for the sake of
society, our kids, & our families
step to the plate! & give us
some relief, & the TV producers
more stringent guidelines. Forget
that damn ACLU!!

Sincerely

Terry D. White
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Dear FCC,

After reading an article about sex and violence on television in the September 11th issue of U.S. News I decided to write you this letter. My understanding is that you regulate, monitor, and censor what airs on television, and you're doing a fine job of it. My quarrel is with the media. How can they say that television sitcoms are to blame for America's problems? Television is just a reflection of society today. If viewers couldn't relate to it, they wouldn't watch it.

I find it unbelievable that conservative parents groups blame television for the behavior and actions of their children. If they were responsible parents, they would teach the morals themselves. They say how television shows aren't providing what their children need. They're too blind to see that what their children need is a parental figure, to love them, teach them, and appreciate them. If a kid doesn't know right from wrong, it's not the fault of the television programs.

Parents shouldn't expect a television to raise their children for them, televisions are only meant for entertainment purposes. They say that television programs aren't providing quality ~~family~~ ^{morally} ~~teaching~~ shows anymore.

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"Anymore" As far as I can see they never were meant to teach morals, or to teach anything. As for violence and sex, it's always been out there, people are just now recognizing it. It's always been on the news, in the ~~world~~ ^{world}, and on television. It's how we live, what we do, how we think and act. But it really all boils down to morals. If someone has, knows, and ~~has~~ ^{have been taught} their morals, television, (violent & sexual content), shouldn't have a negative effect on them. Look at Japan for instance. They have extremely violent comics, and video games, but their crime rate is extremely low. Blaming won't solve anything. Keep up the good American programming.

Sincerely,

16yr old

Maya Stancavage

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VIDEO SERVICES
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MM 43-48

Jarlene Aknee
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Wednesday, September 27, 1995

Dear Mr. Hunt,
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I am a mother of two young children. Already, my two year old is showing an interest in television programs. Because of this, I want to do my part to ensure the time I allow her to spend in front of the television is quality time. I'm asking for your help. For starters, I would like to see an identification of educational children's programming so I can more easily choose which shows I want my children to see. Second, I want a minimum of three hours per week of children's educational shows per station. I want these shows to be scheduled regularly, last at least 15 minutes, air between 6:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M., and have a significant purpose. Finally I want that the purpose to be given in written form by the station along with the targeted child audience.

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We all want the best for our children. Television can be a useful tool in providing the best with your help.

Sincerely
Jarlene Aknee

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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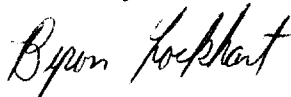
Dear Commissioner Chong,

As both an educator and parent I am writing to encourage your support for the new rules to require television stations to provide 5 to 7 hours of educational programming for children each week.

There is considerable research to show that watching television has a significant effect on children's behavior. The results of those effects can be both positive and negative, depending on the type of programs being watched. Therefore, I support the Federal Communications Commission's move to enforce the Children's Television Act more vigorously. The new "quantitative guidelines" being considered by the FCC would ensure that broadcast stations are in compliance with the Children's Television Act by requiring content standards and a minimum amount of air time per week.

Please support these new guidelines. The record has shown that without stricter regulation of this kind, broadcasters will not provide programming that is a valuable resource. With your vote for the meaningful implementation of the Children's Television Act, all of our children will benefit.

Sincerely,



Byron Lockhart
Principal

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Dear Commissioner Rachelle Chong,

I urge you to support true to life educational programming for children on television.

We are at a place when money speaks much louder than the truth. The children are the future, we need to educate them, not distract them with violent or absurd television programs that offer nothing but emptiness.

Sincerely,

Alison Moski
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PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS,** television is a very powerful influence in our society; and
- WHEREAS,** television's influence can be to the benefit or detriment of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the character of a nation is defined by the character of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** our citizens, young and old, become accustomed to what they see and hear each day; and
- WHEREAS,** children may be profoundly influenced by fiction that they perceive as reality; and
- WHEREAS,** violence, crime, and unwed pregnancies have risen throughout the nation, lowering the quality of life for all of us; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the duty of parents to cultivate honesty, responsibility, and honor in their children; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the community to support families in behaving honorably.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce E. Hagensen, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of October 22-29, 1995, as

"Television Awareness Week"

in hope that all families will observe and discuss the influences of television messages and role models in our lives.

We are joined by the local and national medical, educational, law enforcement, and religious organizations in hoping that families will invite educational and wholesome entertainment into their lives — and that families will refuse to let violence and vulgarity enter their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 16th day of October, 1995.


BRUCE E. HAGENSEN
MAYOR

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4819 Prospect Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242
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Secretary,
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My remarks are in reference to MM Docket 93-48.

I truly resent the slow-moving corrective actions of the FCC re today's foul-mouth presentations of the television industry. The morals of this fine country are deteriorating so rapidly, and I point an accusing finger directly at television.

I fully agree with our upholding the rights of free speech....but at the same time those abusing it on our public airwaves must be responsible to protect that freedom and not abuse it as is the case today.

I am a 74 year old veteran of WWII, and I have heard and seen it all, so whatever is said doesn't really shock me; but at the same time I do not believe the FCC should permit this garbage language and sex dialogue to invade my home.

Re the talk shows, there is none more sleazy than the Jerry Springer show, with virtually all the rest of them not far behind in scum content.

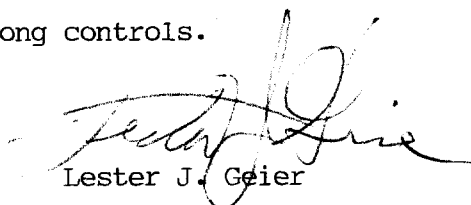
Today's sit-coms are virtual clones of each other, all the so-called plots revolving around constant sexual innuendos, and I believe your commission should get a tough policy for decency and clean up this mess.

The three networks argue the weak alibi that they must resort to the vulgarity so as to compete with the Cable industry. I do not know why the cable industry has a greater freedom of the airwaves than anyone else, but at least on cable I am able to go to the Discovery or The Learning Channel to get tasteful programming. The major filth shows emanate from the subscription channels, and that is discretionary viewing, and easy to avoid on the viewer's part.

I do not personally believe in too much government control, but in this case the FCC is the only agency that can control the filth content of today's programs. I no longer worry about small children seeing this garbage in my home, but I am fully aware of the children being exposed to it on a daily basis throughout the land, since parental control has deteriorated to the point that the children believe that all the slime they are watching is, indeed, the normal behavior pattern to follow.

You owe it to the American public to exercise some strong controls.

Sincerely,


Lester J. Geier

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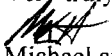
Dear Secretary:

We firmly believe that network broadcasters should set aside time to air children's educational shows. My child can no longer watch shows of any substance during the evening hours or on Saturday mornings due to the trash that the networks and cable channels choose to broadcast at those times. Family and children's educational programming in our opinion does not include shows such as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The X-Men, Mighty Morphin Power Rangers or any other violent comic strip characters whose message of violence promotes more violence at home. Our three year old comments on the violence prevalent on television and tells us that he does not like it and calls it bad. It is pitiful that adults cannot see the difference between good and bad as easily!

At least one hour a morning and 1 to 1-1/2 hours in the late afternoon should be devoted to children's educational shows. On Saturdays and Sundays, at least three hours per day should be dedicated to children's educational shows. Note, we have not mentioned children's entertainment shows which is a much broader subject, but children's educational shows. We do not believe that 16 to 18-1/2 hours per week (approx. 10%) is too much to ask for out of a 168 hour broadcast week.

Please consider our request that the FCC put 'teeth' into the Children's Television Act of 1990 and add mandates requiring broadcasters to commit to these minimum requirements.

Very truly yours,


Michael and Kelli Howard
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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

We the undersigned strongly support Peggy Charren and moral TV programming for our children and adults as well. We urge you to vote yes to the 3 hours a week prime time programming that meets childrens educational needs.

Please consider this when reviewing the Children's Television Act. Thank you.

Beverly Krans
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699 Belmont Avenue
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Members of the FCC
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To All Members of the FCC:

I strongly urge all of you to pass the resolution requiring 3-5 hours a week of good educational television programs for children. That's a drop in the bucket compared to the endless stretches of low quality stuff on now.

Don't count on the commercial networks; with very few exceptions they haven't done well yet. Even a program which had the best ratings at its time can be dropped, such as "Cro" which my grand-children really enjoyed.

And even when programs are designed for children, so are their hard-sell ads. Some restraint of commercials and tv programs which are really selling mechanisms for toys would be welcome.

PLEASE help children have good television programs.

Sincerely,

Janet Harrison
Mrs. Janet C. Harrison

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Rachelle B. Chong
Member FCC 1919 M Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Chong,

I understand you are one of the key persons regarding the requirement for television networks to carry 3-5 hours per week of educational programs for children. I strongly urge you to require them, still a drop in the bucket compared to the endless stretches of low quality stuff on now.

Do not count on commercial networks to do the right thing; with very few exceptions, they haven't done it yet. Even a successful program like "Cro," which my grandchildren enjoyed, can be dropped although its ratings were the highest in its time.

Even when programs are designed for children, so are the hard-sell commercials. Some restraint of ads and the tv programs which are really glorified ads for toys would be welcome.

PLEASE help children have good television programs!

Sincerely,


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Re: MM Docket 93-48

To whom it may concern;

Simply YES. We need more
children's educational and family
viewing programs. Think about
the generation of our children
and what they are viewing

Constantly on T.V. Is this
what the color of ^{their} world should
be? Is there no exca^{pe}ing? I
as an adult am turned off
by the disgusting profanity,

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violence and heavy sexual
material on T.V. To say there
are a generation of 5-15 year
olds watching this (of course with
no supervision) is more than
repulsive to me.

Is money always the bottom line,
because this is how they supposedly
target the coveted age group of
25-50. Well as a decent middle
aged American mother I can tell
you they have it all wrong.

End the violence, end the Sex.

Make this country a better place.

Please Save our children.

In closing I would like to say that Yes I sit down with my children during all network & cable viewing programs with the remote control in hand ready to mute or switch anytime it becomes necessary during our family TV time. The only safe channels are PBS.

Sincerely,

Asail Presta

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Re: MM Docket 93-48

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I do not feel government is meddling in trying to regulate Children's programming. The Children's Television Act is our last best hope for Children's programs. Without government intervention, the television industry will not produce enough quality Children's programming.

Next to the parents, who else can protect our children? They are our future generation's leaders. Sure, parents can monitor TV when they are home, but what about when they're not? Single parents definitely have the hardest struggle. Children are left with baby-sitters, or left home alone. They need educational programming. I don't believe the government interferes when there are morals at stake.

The Children's Television Act vaguely defines educational as "furthering" the positive development of the child in any respect. The definition of the word "educational" must be firmed up so that TV shows airing prior to 7 am should not qualify and local stations are required to air a certain number of hours per week. Certain hours need to be stipulated ~~by~~ so the broadcasters coincide when most children are viewing the T.V. In my household it is before and after school. We must have broadcasters average, at least, 14-20 hours per week of educational Children's programming. We also need to remember, not everyone can afford cable stations (which are the ones which serve the children).

Family viewing also needs to be changed. The violence and the sexual connotations are way out of hand. Let's get some wholesomeness back on the air & remember good moral standards for our future generation's sake. Let's educate our children rather than influence them. Since we've become so T.V. oriented, it's so important Children's programming be regulated.

Let's clean up America's T.V. viewing to educate

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And promote our Country's next leaders.

Sincerely,

Colleen Bull
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* educational - 1. Of or relating to education 2. Serving to educate; instructive: "an educational film"
education - 1. The act or process of educating or being educated. 2. The knowledge or skills obtained or developed by a learning process.

** educate - To advance the mental, aesthetic, physical, or moral development of, esp. by teaching; to qualify by instruction for the business and duties of life; to teach; to instruct; to train; to rear

CC. U.S. Senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison
Phil Gramm

U.S. House of Representatives Sam Johnson - 3rd district
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Richard Army - 26th district
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Violence and sex on TV are bad
on children and adults. There
are programs Friends, The Simpsons and
The City all are shown 9pm
and several comments.
Advertising for Central Park
it is going to be really

Children's Television Act requires television
to meet educational and informational
needs of children if they want to watch
broadcast licenses. It is required that
it is enforced and television
the violence and sexual content.
How about some good, clean
everyone to enjoy?

Yours truly
E. L. [Signature]

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

As a parent and concerned parent, I am in the hopes that you will give consideration to requiring all broadcasters to provide quality programs for children.

It is my opinion that a minimum amount of educational and information programming be required each week. Also these programs should not just be aimed at preschoolers but children of all ages.

In this day and age, when children are given access to so much programming that contains excessive violence, sexual overtones, and offensive language, I feel it is imperative that some changes need to be implemented that would have a more positive influence on our youth. After all, they are the future of our country.

Sincerely,

Sara Lewis

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October 16, 1995

Mr. William Canton
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
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Mr. Canton;

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The Mr. Wizard Studio has been involved with the production of educational programs for children since 1951. We feel that educational television plays an important role in providing opportunities for informal learning for our nation's youth.

We believe it is imperative for the FCC to continue, and to increase its efforts to cause stations and networks to provide wholesome educational programming to the public. We believe that the 1990 Children's Television Act was a good beginning. However, the FCC must redefine what programming it accepts as educational.

Over the years, we have received countless communications from individuals whose lives were positively influenced by programming from the Mr. Wizard Studio. We know that proper educational television is a tremendous force for good in this country. Yet, most of what we see today being touted as educational television, is a weak and unsubstantial offering to satisfy the Children's Act. Please don't accept it! Good, effective, and wholesome educational television can be produced. Mr. Wizard is proof of that.

Perhaps it is true that today's marketplace does not provide the proper incentives to induce producers and networks to provide such programming. We have been working on a new Mr. Wizard-type series, Jake's Attic. We are finding it very difficult, if not impossible to compete with toy-driven productions and less expensive syndicated reruns; especially those which have been force-fit into the "educational" programming genre. Possibly a stronger FCC mandate will help provide needed incentives.

We applaud your efforts to provide truly educational programming for American families. Please continue your work towards that end.

Respectfully,

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Director of Science Education

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I am in favor of increasing the hours that TV stations broadcast educational programs.

Stations should also be required to broadcast these programs during high impact times. In other words, not during 1:00-4:00am.

Because we enjoy a comfortable standard of living, it is essential for us as a country to promote good education even after school hours. It is our duty as present day caretakers to develop the minds and imagination of those that will be at the helm tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Sergio Fernandez

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From: <DLumley942@aol.com>
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Subject: "Contract for Kids and Community"

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This is in support of the proposal by Reed Hundt as I understand it. I agree that broadcasters should be committed to a certain amount of "high quality, nonviolent and educational programming". I think this should include all broadcasters using the public airwaves, including radio as well as TV. This should be a requirement, with regulations prohibiting sectarian, political, ethnic, racial or other special interests which divide the American people. However, regional identity or other cultural and historic factors which promote self-awareness and the diversity of our national heritage should be promoted. Local groups with representation from the educational, professional and artistic facets of a broadcast area should exist to develop themes which meet community priorities and then monitor the delivery of the broadcasts for quantity and quality.

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